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Crash mum's plea to older drivers as campaign launched

A MOTHER whose son was killed in a crash near Basingstoke involving an elderly driver has welcomed a new initiative that raises awareness about the potential dangers let them know what's out there, that face older motorists.

Patricia Colquhoun's son Neil, situation. 28, was killed in March 2011 of an 89-year-old man.

one eye and the vision in the shouldn't be left to people's second was below the legal limit conscience to know when to required for driving.

group has been formed across lems." Hampshire and the Isle of Wight mation to older drivers and their week, which will visit six loca-

county's police, councils, fire and rescue, Age UK, Age Concern, Institute of Advanced Motor- tor and chair of the ODF. He was

this was the start of a nationwide ODF's formation.

look into this whole business," ior investigating officer for the she said. "We're all getting older, Colqhohun case," he said. if we're lucky enough.

By James Booker

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and how they can address the

"If this had taken place a few when his car collided with that years ago, perhaps my son would still be alive.

The other driver was blind in "At the end of the day, it stop driving – some people just Now an umbrella road-safety don't recognise their own prob-

The forum is running an older to offer safety advice and infor-driver awareness week next families.

The Older Drivers Forum consists of representatives from the Sists of representatives from the Festival Place in Basingstoke

ists and Hampshire and Wessex the senior investigating officer Drivability. the Colqhohun case, and said And Patricia, 62, said she hoped the incident was pivotal in the

"To me, the whole reason this "I hope it sets off a nationwide came about was when I was sen-look into this whole business," ior investigating officer for the

"Patricia was very passionate about getting things changed and this awareness week is to "Patricia was very passionate about getting things changed and I thought I had to look to see if there was an issue or not.

"The focus of our campaign and key objective is to keep older motorists driving safely for longer and provide them with the

support they need to do that. "We understand how vital it is for the older motorist to keep Continued on Page 2

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Children put their best foot forward

SCHOOLS in Basingstoke and across Hampshire have rallied to donate over a tonne of shoes to a new charity campaign.

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Air Ambulance launched Thursday.

the county responded as they respond." piled up mountains of shoes, to help those less fortunate.

The campaign was launched after the continued success of raised money, but it has taught

Charity manager Sherie Wil- in countries worldwide. liams Ellen said: "The bra campaign has always been such a a more enthusiastic response success that we felt we could do from participating schools." the same thing with footwear.

in Hampshire - we expected year, but will take place over just a few schools to get involved the course of a week, due to the as it was the first year, but the demand. response has been absolutely phenomenal.

raised, but we estimate it is over be sorting and weighing the tonne of shoes.

that children know they're help-be announced. ing people in another country, and that's the feelgood factor. £30,000 per month.

By James Booker

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"When kids get involved with the 'Re-Use-Ya-Shoes' drive last something of interest to them, they are just incredible, but we And 50 schools from around had no idea how many would

Chief executive of the charity, boots, trainers and wellies, John Perry, added: "It has been which will be donated overseas more "successful than we could have imagined.

"Not only has the campaign the Air Ambulance's Bag a Bra drive every May. children about the importance of recycling and helped people

"We could not have hoped for

Ms Williams Ellen confirmed "We contacted all the schools the drive would return next

Over the next few weeks, staff from the charity's recy-"We don't know the total cling partner 'Bag It Up' will shoes collected and the school "It also has a knock-on effect who donated the most shoes will

The charity raises around



Kids get involved with the Re-Use-Ya-Shoes drive

Prognosis is good for county's new nurses and midwives

cial ceremony last night.

students to senior staff with shire County Hospital. Foundation Trust.

Mayor, was among the special chief nurse, Donna Green. a staff nurse.

cially made the step up from or Winchester's Royal Hamp- Ms Green.

guests at the ceremony in "I would like to extend my Colin said: "I really ben-

One recipient, Colin Hawke- a qualified nurse." Hampshire Hospitals NHS Each nurse or midwife were more, completed a placement presented with their staff on the emergency surgery Cllr Dan Putty, Basingstoke's badge by Hampshire Hospitals' ward. He will return there as

NEWLY-QUALIFIED nurses Andover. congratulations to our newly efited from being part of the team and midwives were celebrat- The students trained at qualified nurses and midwives at Hampshire Hospitals, who ing their graduation at a spe- either Basingstoke and North and hope that they will be provided confidence and support Around 80 staff have now offi- Memorial Hospital in Andover their training hospitals," said tinued to do that during the steep learning curve of my first year as

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Man remanded

DETECTIVES in Basingstoke have charged a man in con-nection with a robbery in the

The 36-year-old, of no fixed abode, was charged with robbery following an incident in the Basing View area on August 9, where a 61-year-old woman was robbed.

He appeared at Portsmouth magistrates court on Monday and was remanded in custody to appear at Winchester Crown Court on September

Consultation

THE company planning to build a solar fárm near Basingstoke has held a second public exhibition for their plans.

SunEdison and Solar Planning Ltd staged the session at Rooksdown Community Centre yesterday afternoon.

The plans are to build a 20MWp solar farm on 96 acres of land south of Shothanger Works.

Dental bake sale

CHINEHAM Dental Practice is holding a bake sale on September 27 in aid of Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee

The bake sale gives patients a chance to meet their local dental team over a cup of coffee and cake while raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Principal dentist Mustapha Laljee said: "We're looking forward to what will be a wonderful - and very tasty opportunity to support such a great cause."

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Advice and help at hand for elderly drivers

Parker, 72, is also supporting

• From front page the campaign, having under-offered, to be honest, I was stagtheir independence, and that staying behind the wheel is ability Fitness to Drive and we're all OK, but in reality we a very important part of that process."

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"Having done the two courses sonal failures."

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paign by the first aid charity to between a life lost and a life The demonstrations are part 140,000 people die every year in raise awareness to the impor- saved and what could be more of the Save a Life September situations where first aid could tance of first aid.

Chris Cook, regional training one's life? and community projects man-ager for St John Ambulance strations across the country, we learn how to save a life using event, visit www.sja.org.uk/sals said: "Learning first aid is one want to reach as many people five techniques, which includ- or call 0303 003 0101.

of the single most important as possible, so that more people ing the recovery position and

"You never know when you save a life. may need it - at work, at home,

It is part of a nationwide cam- anyone can be the difference lost and a life saved."

things you can do in your life. are equipped with the skills to CPR.

own next Saturday.

Volunteers will be offering tions near the Shear Beauty just don't know.

in school, playing sport – you should get it and armed with carry in case of emergency. this knowledge we can all be Research carried out by this knowledge we can all be Research carried out by St "With basic first aid skills, the difference between a life John Ambulance before the

They will also receive a free "Anyone who needs first aid pocket-sized first aid guide to

campaign showed that up to important than saving some- campaign-which is in its third have given them the chance to live.

Top dogs Lynn and Jazmine strike gold at RSPCA awards



Jazmine Green (left) and Lynn Byfield, alongside dogs Zac and Freddie

A DOG warden at Hart District Council and her apprentice have won a Gold Stray Dog Footprint award in this year's RSPCA Community Animal Welfare Footprint (CANY). Years of CAWF, with 116 entries being submitted for the stray dog award. Lynn for winning this award. "Also, there cannot be many apprentices who win such an award in their first year of work, and I am sure it (CAWF) awards.

Lynn Byfield and apprentice Jazmine Green were recognised for the of the awards, and will be getting consecutive year.

"We are very proud to be a part future career.

will inspire Jazmine throughout hr

"It is testimony both to the sucscheme and to the way its officers

quality of care they provide stray the Gold Footprint put on our new dogs with, winning for the second logo." cess of the council's apprenticeship scheme and to the way its officers consecutive year. Cllr John Kennett, Hart's cabinet have maintained high-standards of It was one of the most successful member for environmental health, service in tight economic times." Tadley Bathrooms 01189 813777 ≝firePlace BASINGSTOKE COME VISIT OUR SHOWROOM Complete bathroom design & Installation Bathroom Sultes Showers & Enclosures Baths & Whitipools Taps & mixers Towel Ralls & more... Showroomat 18b Mulfords Hill, Tadley, RG263JE 3 KINGS FURLONG CENTRE, WESSEX 01139313777 CLOSE, BASINGSTOKE, HANTS RG21 8YT WWW.FIREPLACE-BASINGSTOKE.CO.UK www.tadley-bathrooms.co.uk 01256 363305 Checkatrad Checkatrade.com Where reputation matters Where reputation matters

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Government grants Kiln Farm plans

GOVERNMENT minister Eric Pickles has overturned a borough council ruling and granted the go-ahead for 450 homes to be built in Basingstoke.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council had rejected proposals from developer David Wilson Homes to build houses on the Kiln Farm land between Sherborne St John and Popley.

However, the developer lodged an appeal against the decision, and the secretary of state for Communities and Local Government, acting on advice of planning officers, has overruled the initial deci-

The planning report believes the impact on surrounding countryside would be "slight", and traffic troubles would not be as severe as some may

It also points out the "serious and significant" shortfall of housing in Basingstoke as a reason to grant the application.

The plans were halted last year after it was believed the homes would have a detrimental impact on a colony of protected great crested newts.

However, the report said the creatures would suffer "no adverse impact" as a result of the development, which has been listed for housing since 2010.



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Free school meals offer for children

CHILDREN in Hampshire who are going to school for the first time will get a fort-night of free school meals.

Hampshire County Council is adopting the initiative, set to run throughout the Autumn term, in a bid to get more kids eating school meals this year. Around 300 schools are expected to take part in the

scheme. Fourteen thousand children in the county have started school this month - and schools will be in touch with parents about the two-week period in which the offer will be in place for their school.

The council has pledged to maintain the levels of produce they use from local suppliers, and added it remains committed to ensuring the content of

the meals remains healthy.
Councillor Roy Perry, leader of Hampshire County Council, said: "Following the success of the scheme last year we have decided to offer free school meals to Reception children again this year.

"Pupils and parents have told us what they would like to see on the menu and we have listened.

"Menus in our schools offer children a variety of choice as well as providing them with appetising, wholesome lunchtime favourites. All children should be able to enjoy a nutri-tious, tasty meal at lunchtime, and we are proud to be able to make that to happen."

Police to clamp down on area's rural crime

POLICE in Basingstoke and Deane are cracking down on rural crime with a new operation, launching next week.

Operation Stronghold, set to get burglaries, as well as car and roadshows. farm equipment theft.

As well as Basingstoke, the Safe free to get in touch." North Hampshire community safety operation will also be put in place in Hart and Rushmoor.

Chief Inspector Simon Dodds, Hampshire Constabulary strategic lead for rural policing said: September-"This is part of our on-going commitment to target harden the rural environment, and to make 23rd-Sainsburys, Famborough, 11am to 2pm 25th-Rushmoor Mobile Libraries 9:20am to 3.20pm it a more hostile place for criminals to operate.'

A series of roadshows will also be staged, where police and council officers will provide advice on how to minimise the 9th-Tesco, Hook, 11am to 2pm 11th-Co-op, Yateley, 11am to 1pm risk of crime.

Padlocks and shed alarms
will also be available from the

17th-, Scats, Sherfield-on-Loddon 10am to 2pm

Officers will visit every farm in the area, giving farmers the chance to buy additional safety

26th- Hart Shopping Centre, Fleet, 10am to 2pm
29th- South Warnborough village shop 2.30pm equipment for their premises.

David Lipscombe, projects team leader for Safer North Hampshire, said: "Whether you live in a town, a village or on a former was absoluted as a country of the Interior of the farm, you should take security 7th-Bramley Bakery, 11:30am to 12:30pm seriously.

"We are on hand to give advice

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underway on Monday, will see and recommendations, so try officers target shed and garage and come along to one of our

"If you can't make it then feel

OPERATION STRONGHOLD ROADSHOWS

1st- Morrisons, Aldershot, 11am to 2pm

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Firefighters exchange hoses for sponges



Firefighters were busy washing cars on Saturday to raise money for charity

FIREFIGHTERS from Bastake their car along to the staingstoke Fire Station took tion in West Ham Close, with The National Car Wash is now part in the National Car Wash their vehicle being washed in firmly established on the fire on Saturday and raised £729 exchange for a donation.

for charity, cleaning over 120 cars in the process.

Twelve firefighters from Blue Watch, four fire cadets and station administrator Chris Mernin took part in the wash, with money raised being split between the Firefighters Charity and St Michael's Hospice exchange for a donation.

Manager Andy Bowers of Hampshire Fire and Rescue service calendar to raise money for the Firefighters Charity, which is the UK's leading provider of services to help serving and retired fire personnel.

Another charity event is being planned for Christmas, with a collection taking place in Wote gave our firefighters the oppor-

ity and St Michael's Hospice. gave our firefighters the oppor- Street to raise money for the Motorists were invited to tunity to share important safety. Firefighters Charity.

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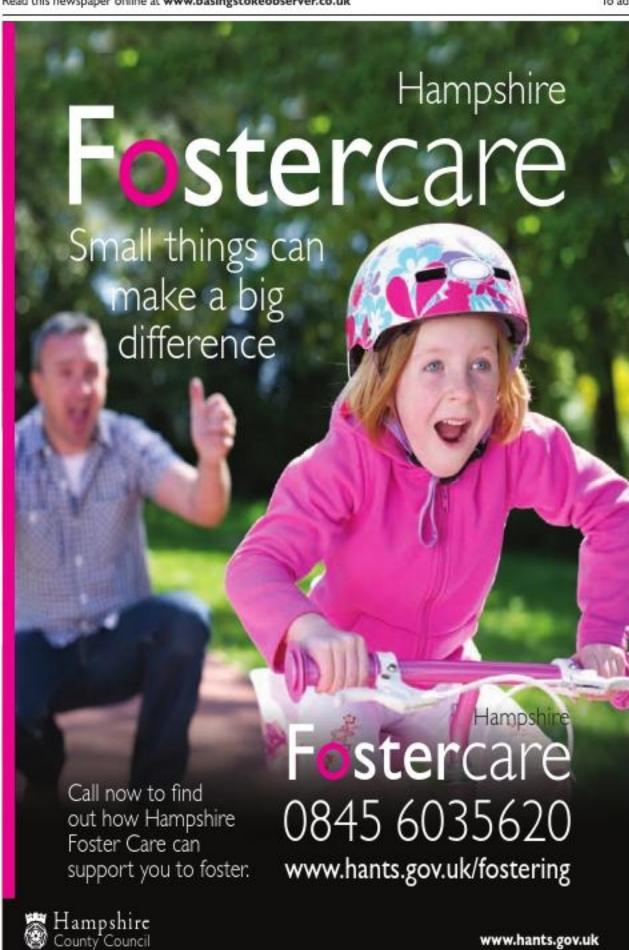
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New pledge to beat dementia

A 63-YEAR-OLD dementia sufferer from Odiham was one of the guests at a launch of a new initiative set up aimed a tackling the

disease within the county. Simon Quarrell was diagnosed ing memory loss.

ment and corporation adviser, and port to the cause. was most recently a chief execu-tive of a global business consultancy ber 3 at the Norton Park Hotel near with dementia.

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The Hampshire Dementia Action with Semantic Dementia last year Alliance, launched by Hampshire – a condition which shrinks the County Council and mental health temporal lobes of the brain, caus- charity Andover Mind, saw over 100

Winchester.

can help people with dementia and council's executive member for the dementia-friendly communialso the companies who want to support this initiative," he said.

Adult Social Care, said: "Making ties project from the wider communities better places to live for people with dementia is something "Our local co-ordinators are lookwe want all Hampshire's organisa- ing forward to working with more and social care groups.

more about what it is and how we dementia - a rise of 30 per cent.

can help is becoming increasingly important.

"By better understanding the needs of those with dementia we can give people with the condition the help they need to be retain their independence and carry out their

everyday activities." Chief Executive Officer of Andover people from the county's businesses Mind, Debra Ramchurn, said: "We He previously worked as a govern- and organisations pledge their sup- were delighted to see so many different organisations coming together

"Since we started in March, we "I hope that by getting involved I Anna McNair Scott, the county have had an excellent response to

> tions to sign up to, not just health organisations on their action plans in the coming months."

> "We are all likely to know someone By 2020, it is expected that 24,000 with dementia and understanding people in Hampshire will suffer from

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Arthritis meeting

THE North Hampshire and Winchester group of the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society are meeting in Bas-ingstoke on Wednesday. Anyone affected by the

condition or wanting to find out more information can go to the meeting at Central 40, Chineham Park at 7pm.

Around 17,500 people across Hampshire live with the disease.

Ailsa Bosworth, Chief Executive of NRAS, said: "By bringing people together so they can share their experiences, it enables them to take ownership of the management of their disease."

Air Ambulance

HAMPSHIRE and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance (HIWAA) will stage a roadshow in Basingstoke next Friday as part of National Air Ambulance Week.

The week, in its second year, attempts to raise profile and funds for air ambulances

across the country. HIWAA staff and charity volunteers will be at Morrisons in Basingstoke to talk about the work of the Air Ambulance, and people can also look in a decommissioned air ambulance aircraft.

Indecent assault

A WHITCHURCH man has been charged with five counts of indecent assault.

Police charged the 47-year-old in regards to "historic allegations" of indecent assault.

He will appear at Basingstoke Magistrates' Court on October 1.

Man arrested

A 33-YEAR-OLD man from Basingstoke has been arrested in connection with an assault.

Police officers are investigating reports of an incident involving a 41-year-old woman on August 11.

He has been released on bail until November 1, pending further enquiries.



Witnesses sought after park fire

a Kempshott park has been com- thing to their playpark. pletely destroyed, following a fire "Did you see anyone suspicious that police are treating as suspi- hanging around? Have you heard

Fire crews were called to the play- who might be responsible?" ground in Heron Way at around 5am Anyone with information should on September 1, where thousands contact PC Harrison on the police set alight.

PC Rich Harrison of Basingstoke
Police Station said: "This piece of Police are looking for witnesses
equipment was totally destroyed, after a fire at the Heron Way leaving children disappointed and playground

PIRATE ship play equipment at upset that someone could do such a

people talking about this incident and

of pounds worth of damage was non-emergency number 101, or concaused to the equipment after being tact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Go-ahead for roundabout in Bramley

HAMPSHIRE County Council hope a new roundabout in Bramley will improve safety around the junction.

Councillors gave the goahead for the roundabout, to be built at the junction of Sherfield Road and Campbell Road, at a meeting last

The council says the project, which could be started in January, will also reduce the increased congestion as a result of the ongoing housing development on German Road.

Councillor Seán Woodward, said: "This new roundabout will be a welcome benefit and will improve access for local residents in and out of Campbell Road.

"Safety will also be improved at this junction by reducing the speed of traffic on Sherfield Road on the approach to the new roundabout.

The £510,000 scheme is mainly being financed from developer contributions, and will take 20 weeks to complete.

A dropped kerb crossing will be installed near the nearby bus stop in an attempt to improve access for the elderly, disable and people with pushchairs.

The 40mph speed limit will also be extended 80m further towards Sherfield-on-Loddon from its current position on Sherfield Road.

Local health services explained to public

A MEETING open to the public to show how their local health services work is being held in Basingstoke on Tuesday.

Organised by the Southern from us, but to tell us what they Health NHS Foundation Trust, want from Southern Health." the annual members meeting is At the meeting, Trust rephosted by The Ark Conference resentatives will be hoping to Centre to give an insight into gather meaningful feedback on how the Trust works.

Visitors will also be encour- ence for patients and carers. aged to share personal experiences and provide feedback ery College will also be availand suggestions for making able, which offers courses sessions.

Sue Harriman, acting chief for self-management. executive for the Trust, said: future.

"We will also talk about how The meeting takes place service users, carers and othevery year to publicise the work ers can get involved.

"Providing patient-centred ous 12 months, which last year care is a strong focus for us, and was held in Winchester. this meeting is a great chance

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services to improve the experi-

improvements, as well as par-ticipating in three interactive edge about recovery from mental illness and providing skills

Discussions over the Trust's "As well as highlighting per-formance over the last finan-cial year, we are keen to look agree with their priorities, and forward to our plans for the if they are focusing on important issues.

the Trust has done in the previ-

Tuesday's event starts at to invite people to not only hear 5pm with the interactive learning sessions, with the formal meeting beginning at 7pm. Attendees will also be welcome to refreshments during the evening.

For more information about the Trust, go to www.southernhealth.nhs.uk.

TV's Linda lights up new Alton showroom



Linda Barker cuts the ribbon at Elstead Lighting's new showroom

TV presenter and interior the ribbon for the new Elstead this business right now," said opened a new front of house day. showroom in Alton.

Rooms, I'm a Celebrity...Get 1970s. Me Out Of Here and Splash! cut "It is an exciting time to be in of opportunity ahead."

The company, established "As a team we have all worked Linda, star of Changing in 1967, moved to Alton in the enormously hard, and we can

designer Linda Barker has Lighting showroom last Thurs- managing director Jonathan Lucas.

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Jewellery is stolen in Argos raids

NEARLY £10,000 worth of jewellery has been stolen after offenders raided an Argos store in Basingstoke.

CCTV images show a dark-coloured hatchback pull up outside the store, at Hatch Warren retail park in Wallop Drive, around 4am on Saturday, September 7.

A person wearing dark clothing entered the store half an hour later, carrying a light-coloured sack.

They go in and out of the shop twice before driving away, stealing a total of £9,800 worth of Elizabeth Duke jew-

Detective Constable Drew Wright believes the nature of the crime suggests it was a pre-planned operation.

"This is a high value commercial burglary committed in the early hours of the morning where a large quantity of Elizabeth Duke jewellery was taken," he said.

"The execution of the offence and speed in which it was committed shows a degree of professionalism and pre-planning.

"If you have any information as to the persons responsible, or indeed the location of the stolen jewellery, please get in contact."

Call Det Con Wright at Basingstoke CID on 101.

Alternatively, contact independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Variety show set to be biggest yet

By James Booker

news@basingstokeobserver.co.uk

PREPARATIONS are well and truly underway for the Basingstoke Variety Show, which will feature over 300 performers.

The event, rebranded three years ago from the Mayor's Charity Show, will hold technical rehearsals on Sunday.

It raises funds for the Mayor's Charity Appeal, which this year is Sebastian Actions Trust's Bluebells House, as well as a community fund for the bor-

The show will feature a plethora of musical, dance and theatrical talent from around the borough.

The Mayor, Cllr Dan Putty, said: "I hope lots of residents show their pride in the talent that we have in the borough by buying tickets for the Basingstoke Variety show.

"This is a great event run by munity and which benefits the and we've got some excellent going to be jam-packed." finale pieces, so we've been community. It is a night not to groups, many of which have The first rehearsals took place really pleased for the turnout be missed!

Twenty-one acts are confirmed before," he said. for the show, which takes place on October 5 at the Anvil.

nine years.



Over 300 performers are expected for this year's Basingstoke Variety Show

"This year we have the most

"In theory, it's the biggest show up. we've done, because we have higher total number.

"So we're going to be absothe community for the com- live music we've ever had before, lutely ramming the Anvil - it's for the school's pieces and the

never performed in the show last Sunday, and Ian is delighted with that and we have a lot of

"We had our first band Producer Ian Aherne has more school performers than rehearsal [on Sunday], which tion of quality. It really is fun for been organising the show for we've had before, as well as a was fantastic and went really the whole family, and something well," he added.

"We also had the auditions with how everything is shaping excited groups ready for technical rehearsal this Sunday.

"The audience has an expectafor everyone."

Keep your cars locked at all times

POLICE are urging drivers to lock their cars and hide valuables when leaving them unattended, after a spate of thefts from unlocked vehicles in Chineham, Lychpit and Sherfield-on-Loddon.

Offenders stole phones, wallets, sat navs, handbags and iPads from 28 vehicles.

Two men, aged 18 and 19, are on bail until November 13 in connection with the incidents, which occurred between September 6 and 9.

Chief Inspector Steve Wallace said it was "unbelievable" what valuables were left on display.

"People are leaving cars unlocked with all sorts of valuables inside and on show.

"Officers have been patrolling in the area in response to this spike in incidents and have reported finding iPads, phones, wallets and handbags left on full view in unlocked cars. It's absolutely unbelievable.

"Unfortunately, it only takes seconds for someone to open a door and steal your valuables.

"And there are people who are extremely opportunistic and will even walk along a street trying door handles.

"You also may find that your insurance policy isn't valid if you have left your vehicle insecure. The simple message is lock it or lose it.

"We'd be interested to hear from anyone in Chineham, Lychpit or Old Basing who has CCTV cameras outside their homes.

"Please contact PC Lisa Cooper in confidence at Bas-ingstoke CID."

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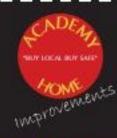
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Get recycling

BASINGSTOKE and Deane Borough Council (BDBC) have reiterated their desire for people to continue recycling properly.

Every house in the borough has a green plastic box for items, and the council say grey waste bins containing glass bottles or jars will not be emptied until they have been removed.

Residents who share waste and recycling bins with their neighbours have been issued with a communal bin for glass, which will be emptied on the same day as recycling bins.

In it to win it

ST MICHAEL'S Hospice have announced the results of their September 13 lottery draw.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 58759 from Basing-stoke, second prize of £100 to 49403 from Hartley Win-tney, third prize of £50 goes to 74372 Hatch Warren, and fourth Prize of £20 goes to 73338 from Basingstöke.

Sixteen prizes of £5 are awarded to 11163, 22946, 31346, 37930, 41335, 45439, 51640, 52514, 54994, 64649, 67387, 68582, 77370, 77606, 84912, 95202.

Witness appeal

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after jewellery and a laptop were stolen during a burglary in Basingstoke.

Offenders forced their way into the house in Denham Drive through the rear patio doors on between 11pm on September 5 and 6.15am on September 6.

Call 101 with information.

Council: Have your say on council tax policy

RESIDENTS are being asked for their opinions on the borough council's proposal to reduce council tax.

At the moment, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council come from.
(BDBC) makes up the difference "This cons from last year.

the borough.

the second adult rebate has been to work. put forward in the consultation.

discount of up to 25 per cent, are considering or any alterna-given to customers who cannot tive suggestions before the coun-claim council tax benefit in their cil makes its decision." own right because their income Feedback on the consultation is too high, but have another low- must be submitted by Friday income earning adult living with October 12. them.

munity Services, Cllr Hayley residents want to submit alter-Eachus, said: "Although the native proposals to the ones council was able to retain the listed. previous level of support for one



By James Booker

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"This consultation seeks views for people in the borough with on whether people should be little or no income, after a 10 per expected to contribute somecent cut in government services thing towards their council tax, and if so, how much.

They have now given the public "In putting forward these profive options on the best way to posals our aim is to protect the support low-incomed people in most vulnerable people in the borough and help those people A further proposal to remove who are unemployed to return

"We are very keen to hear resi-The second adult rebate is a dents' views on the options we

The council has also said it Cabinet member for Com- would keep an open mind if any

Pensioners will not be affected year we need to look at the longer by any changes made, as will term and where the money is to claimants with children under five or in receipt of disability benefits.

A final decision will be made in December.

For more information, and to see the five options, visit the online survey.

Tylney Hall set to display the best of Jekyll

A HOTEL in Hook is set to host Jekyll's water garden is a gardens.

a charity open day, displaying major feature in the grounds, People can walk around the

The legacy of Gertrude Jekyll Paul Tattersdill. Entry to the gardens costs £4 will be on display at the Tylney Many of her original designs and all proceeds from the admis-Hotel as part of its open day on can be seen among the 250,000 sion price will go to National October 6. can be seen among the 250,000 sion price will go to National trees and shrubs present in the Gardens Scheme charities.

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'It's just stand-up!'

POPULAR northern comedian Jason Manford is appearing at The Anvil on Wednesday and Thursday next week, with his brand new show First World Problems.

Promising a hilarious succeswhere Jason left off with his to sit down and write it. previous tour 'Off On Tour We Go' in 2011.

He has been away from the best of it. stand-up scene in recent years, appearing on and winning the really know, away from the kids, ITV opera show Born to Shine, stuff like that. but says he is now returning to Despite a return to his roots what he does best.

about anything really. I called it musical theatre. First World Problems but that's He said: "I'd love to do another as much thought as I put into musical at some point, but right

narrative, you don't come out at the end having learnt any-

hadn't turned his back on com- see what happens." edy entirely in recent times, making appearances on QI, Big tickets costing £22.50. Visit www. Fat Quiz of the Year and Comedy anvilarts.org.uk or call 01256 World Cup.

By Adam Flinn

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"The tour's been getting really good feedback," Jason added. sion of anecdotes, comic mis"I've probably worked harder understandings and audience at this show than any other, to banter, the new show picks up be honest, as I've literally had

> "The travelling is the hardest part, but you learn to make the

> "Staying in towns you don't

with stand-up, Jason hasn't Jason said: "The show's not turned his back on opera and

now we've got another 10 months "It's just stand-up. There's no of touring so we're not really thinking about it.

"I'm looking forward to doing thing. It's just a couple of hours of laughing really." the tour, then maybe a little holiday, take a few months off, spend The former One Show host some time with the kids and we'll

> Both shows start at 8pm, with 844244 to book.



Jason Manford's return to stand up comes to The Anvil on Wednesday and Thursday

Let's Be Sharp!

WEYBROOK Golf Club is hosting a live music night tomorrow evening, with popular concert band Be Sharp taking to the

The band formed in the late 1980s during soundchecks for other shows, and have released seven albums and played hundreds of gigs in that time.

Tickets for the show cost £5 on the door. Doors open at 7pm.

Vintage 40s radio

A SHOW recreating the spirit of 1940s radio is coming to The Haymarket tomorrow, celebrating the age of the wireless and vintage radio plays for a modern audience.

The Fitzrovia Radio Hour is an all-new look back at ration book Britain, with a cast of five recreating a show with hilarious

Tickets cost £16 with a start time of 7.30pm.

Romeo and Juliet

THE Watermill Theatre Company's adaptation of Romeo and Juliet is being staged at Central Studio on Wednesday.

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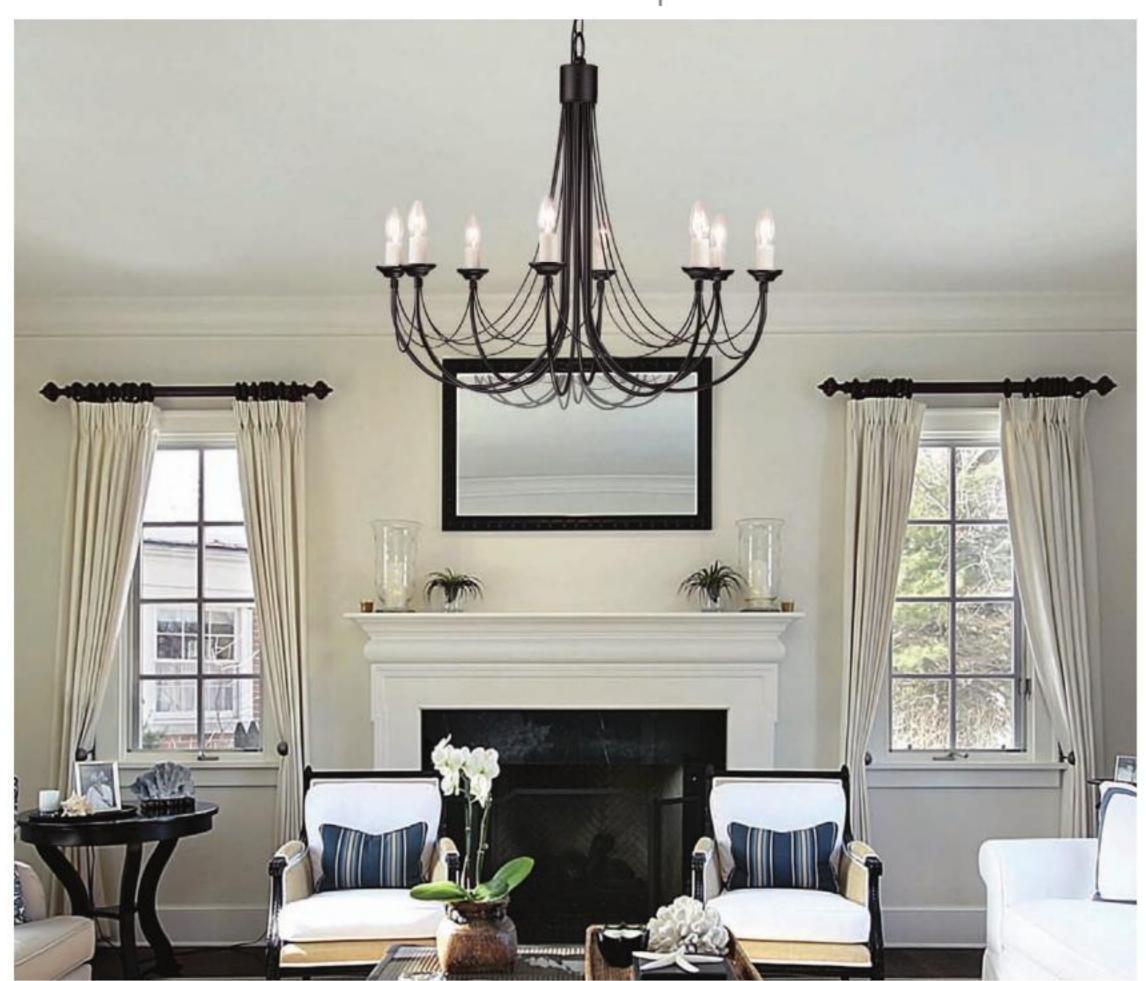
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Dial 'M' for Mellor...

A GRIPPING thriller set in 1930s London is coming to The Haymarket from Wednesday, with a ghostly murder mystery featuring an intricate storyline.

documents the story of Sir You wouldn't really recognise Charles Jasper, who is in line me." to inherit £2million pounds on 'A Murder Has Been Arranged' James' Theatre.

But if he should die before Maurice Mullins, Sir Charles' try and Accolade. nephew, will be given the vast Oliver also spoke about the fortune.

tre is also supposedly haunted "Being on a TV set is great fun, following several mysterious but you've always got the safety deaths many years ago, adding of knowing you can have as many to the twists and turns of the takes as you need. show.

Coronation Street star Oliver you can't do that live on stage in Mellor, best known for playing front of hundreds of people. Dr Matt Carter in the soap.

He said: "Maurice is great for get it right on the night, where me as an actor because he's a there's no second takes." split personality. He comes in The show runs from Wednespretending to be one person day until Saturday, September and then during the course of 28, starting at 7.30pm each night. the play his true character is Two additional 2pm performrevealed

"It's brilliant because it's the urday are also scheduled.

By Adam Flinn

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A Murder Has Been Arranged I played in Coronation Street.

his birthday on the stage of St was written by Welsh playwright Emlyn Williams in the 1930s, whose other works include Night the clock strikes eleven, then Must Fall, A Month in the Coun-

differences between television As well as the murder, the thea- and theatre acting, and added:

"People always fluff lines on TV Maurice is played by former and it's easy to do it again, but

"It heightens the adrenaline to

ances on the Thursday and Sat-



Oliver Mellor alongside actress Nicola Weeks in 'A Murder has been Arranged'

Chastity Brown

AMERICAN singer-songwriter Chastity Brown comes to The Forge on Tuesday evening, performing her blend of gospel, roots and soul, jazz, blues and country songs.

It comes as part of her tour

around Europe.

Tickets are priced at £13, with the show starting at 7.45pm.

Whitchurch show

WHITCHURCH Country Show is being staged at the Silk Mill on Sunday, with local produce stalls, horticultural competitions and craft demonstrations as some of the attractions on

There will also be live music and a beer tent, as well as a miniature boat race and the great Whitchurch 'bake-off' throughout the day.

Bryn Strudwick

LOCAL author and writer Bryn Strudwick will be reading a collection of poems with a Hampshire connection at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre on Monday.

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20 September 2013 7.30pm The Haymarket

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844244. Or use the Anvil Arts website

21 September 7.30pm The Haymarket KATHRYN WILLIAMS

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Singer/songwriter Kathryn Williams appears at The Haymarket on Saturday 21 September at 7.30pm. Kathryn's artful compositions and sweet sound have got the critics falling over each other to heap praise on her. She produces music that possesses great depth, addressing both the everyday and abstract. Tickets for Kathryn Williams are priced £16. Over 65s, under 16s and fulltime students pay £14. (Booking fee applies.) For more information or for tickets, call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244. Or use the Anvil Arts website www.anvilarts.org.uk.

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24 September, 7.45pm The Forge

CHASTITY BROWN

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24 Sept - 7.30pm The Anvil THE OSMONDS AMERICAN

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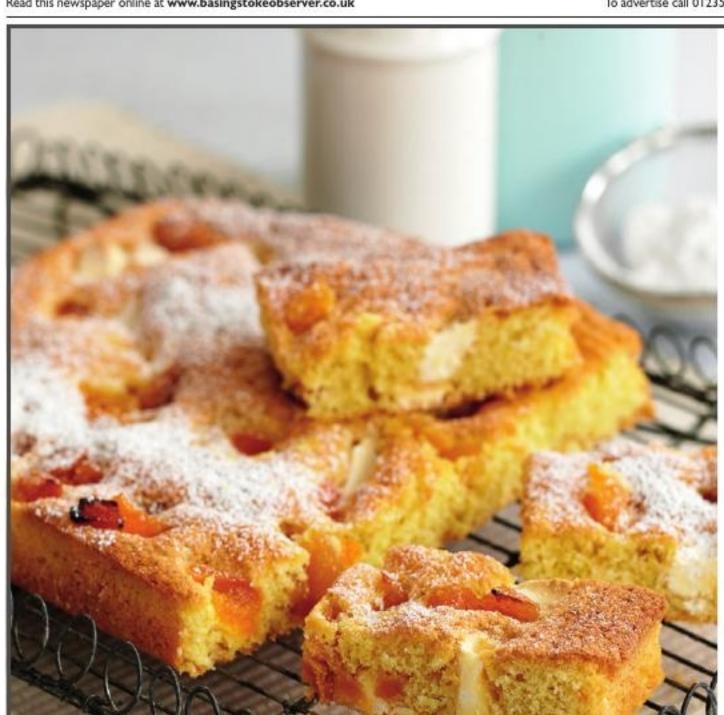








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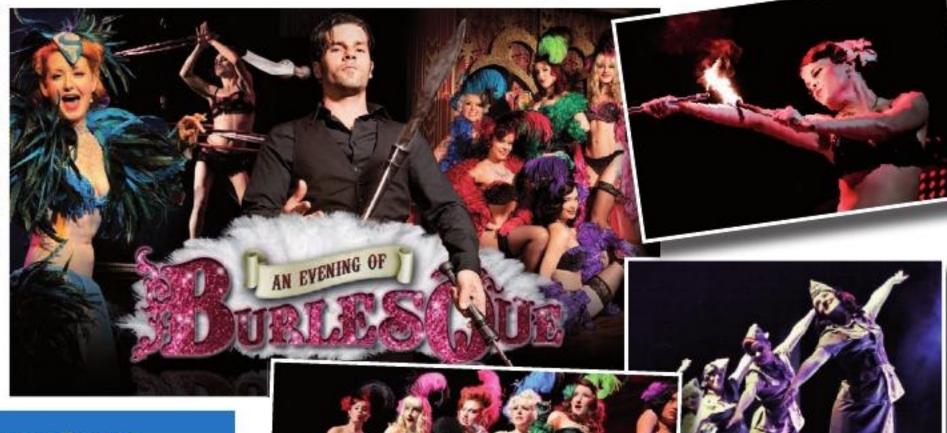
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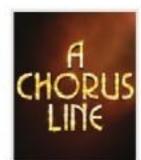
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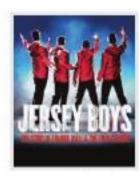
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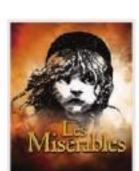


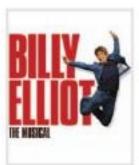


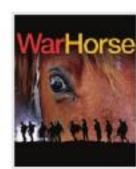


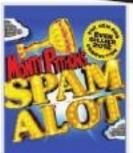












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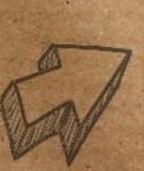
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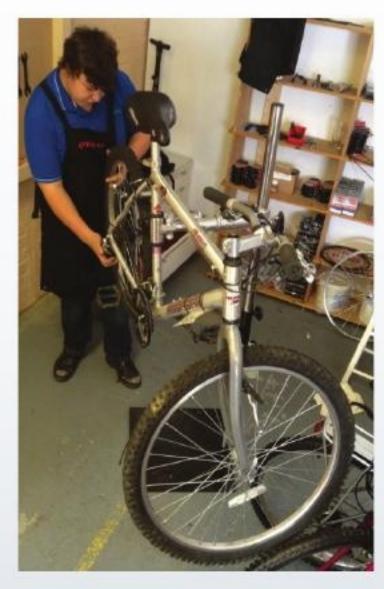
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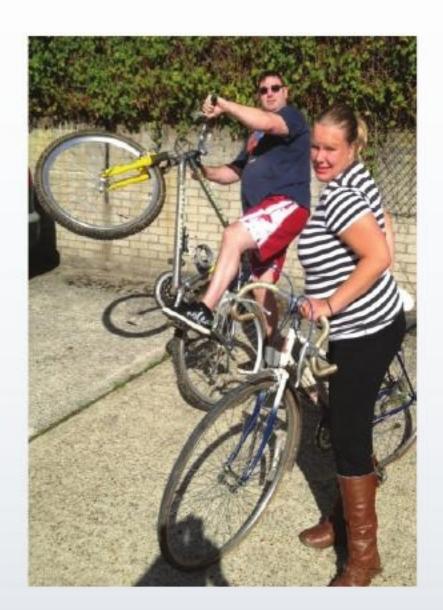


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and high levels of customisation mal roll and good levels of grip. shoes or other messy items. are also available throughout the The steering has a pleasant wellrange. All models get 16" alloy weighted feel, although the ride wheels, 60/40 split and sliding isn't quite as composed as a Clio. entrant aims to combine the best rear seat bench, body coloured Refinement levels are generally of SUV, MPV and hatchback... bumpers, cruise control, elec- good - engine noise is well sup- and succeeds. Some poor interior tronic stability control, front pressed - with road and wind plastics and a fidgety low-speed and rear electric windows, Hill noise only becoming intrusive ride are the only gripes to an Start Assist, speed limiter and at higher motorway speeds. trip computer.

sists of the 0.9-litre TCe 90 and up-right driving position, which matching the performance of new 1.2 TCe 120 petrol motors is comfortable and affords good Nissan's Juke, you'll enjoy appreand 1.5 dCi 90 diesel. Although visibility. Up front there are ciably better economy.

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the French marque's chic new not quick - taking 12.3 seconds entrant is dynamically styled to get to 62mph - this 1.5 dCi passengers, while the 455 litre and features a two-tone colour 90 (89bhp) does enable Captur boot has an under-floor section scheme as standard. Captur is to achieve an impressive com- for hiding valuables out of view. reassuringly safe, too, having bined 76.4 mpg and low 95g/km In keeping with the rugged life-

The Captur's cabin has a func- Captur is stylish, practical and The Captur engine line up contional, yet funky feel, and a high decent to drive: and although not

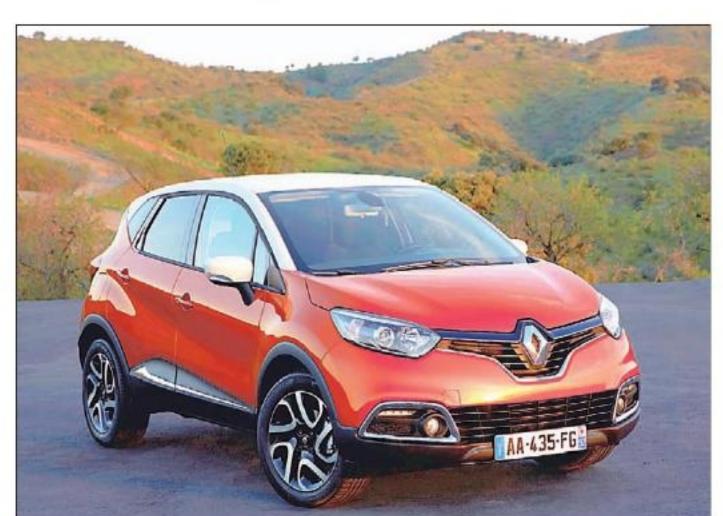
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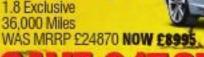


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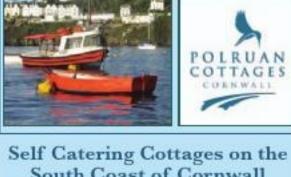
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Basingstoke beaten by Wildcats

BASINGSTOKE Bison suffered defeat in their first game of the season on Saturday, with a 2-1 loss at home against the Swindon Wildcats.

It was Bison who opened the scoring, as Miroslav Vantroba's backhander found it's way through a crowd of players to fool Wildcats goalkeeper Stevie Lyle, with Tomas Karpov and

Andy Melachrino assisting. But with just 57 seconds left in the period, Henri Sandvik levelled for the Wildcats from close range, assisted by Sam Smith.

This was despite the Herd firing 15 shots towards Lyle, compared to Bison keeper Dean Skinns only facing six in the first period.

In the second period, former Bison Alex Symonds put the Wildcats ahead with a powerplay goal.

Bison tried out-shooting their opponents in the third period, but could not get past netminder Lyle, who made 35 saves during

the course of the game. Basingstoke will be hoping for better luck for their next game on Saturday as they host Bracknell Bees, before Doug Sheppard's men travel to Telford the following day.

Stoke improve, but lose out to Dorking

BASINGSTOKE RFC coach James Croker will be happy with his side, who matched much-fancied Dorking for the majority of the game at the weekend.

first game of the National Three stead. London season.

tells half the story, as Croker's day at the office", and is still men were leading early in the waiting on several members of second half.

in the first half to cancel out action. an early Dorking penalty, and break.

just after the restart, with Ash from two. Paterson kicking three points

at their hosts with pace and paign. power.

tries to comfortable secure a but fell to a home defeat bonus point victory.

The result leaves Basingstoke Aaron Noonan)

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with two defeats from two, after Croker's side went down 36-8 losing heavily last week against at Down Grange in what was the fellow newcomers East Grin-

Croker admitted last week that However, the scoreline only the season opener was "a bad second half. last season's promotion-winning Winger Karl Buttle crossed season to come back to first team

It is a somewhat difficult start the two sides went in 5-3 at the for Croker's side - the two outfits they have faced so far are It got better for the home side top of the league with two wins

And Saturday sees Basingstoke to extend Basingstoke's lead to face a trip Old Ethamians, who are sitting in third place, another However, Dorking found team who have a 100 per cent another gear and came back record so far in the current cam-

They ran in four second-half • Basingstoke battled well, against Dorking (Picture by



Sport Bites

Wintney revel in cup progress

HARTLEY Wintney are through to the second qualifying round of the FA Cup, after beating Camberley Town in a replay away on Tuesday night.

The home fixture ended 0-0 on Saturday before Wintney were able to claim a 2-0 victory three days later, and will now face Eastbourne Town in the next round on September 28.

Wintney's next game is the second qualifying round of the FA Vase on Saturday, when they travel to Bracknell

Mixed week for Macey's men

WHITCHURCH United had a mixed week in the Wessex League Premier Division, with a 3-2 win against Bemerton Heath Harlequins on Saturday followed by a 4-2 defeat to Horndean on Tuesday.

The results mean that Whitchurch sit 10th in the league table with 13 points after nine matches, seven points behind leaders Newport.

They next host Sholing in the league on Saturday.

Tadley are hit for six at Sholing

TADLEY Calleva suffered a huge defeat away to Sholing on Tuesday night, as they lost 6-1 in the Sydenhams Football League Cup.

It followed a 2-0 win for Calleva in the Wessex League First Division on Saturday, as they beat United Services Portsmouth at home.

Tadley are next in action in the league on September 28, when they host Pewsey

Unlucky Collard crashes out, and no top 10 finish for Foster



ROB Collard was unfortunate up in an accident as Jack Goff's not to secure a good points haul Vauxhall came across the circuit from round eight of the British to avoid a spinning Jeff Smith, Touring Car Championship at leaving Collard with nowhere Rockingham on Sunday, after to go and crashing into the bartwo race-ending incidents rier. where the Hampshire driver The results means Collard

was not to blame.

The first race went well for Collard, as he progressed from his starting position of 11th to end up seventh, for what would be his only finish of the day.

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his only finish of the day.

Race two saw Collard running fourth when a puncture on lap 10 curtailed his running, as he was forced back to the pits to the top 10, with his finishes of 11th, with his fines of 11th, with his retire the car.

retire the car. stone on September 29.

Having to start from the back • Rob Collard at Rockingham

in race three, he was then caught (Picture courtesy of btcc.net)

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BRISTOW: DRAW WAS FAIR RESULT

Last-gasp goal denies Town three points, but manager still satisfied

BASINGSTOKE manager Jason Bristow was left frustrated after his side conceded an injury-time equaliser at home to Ebbsfleet on Satur-

Shane Huke bundled in from video and seen the stats. close range in the 94th minute to earn a point for the visitors.

Goals from Manny Williams and we coped really well with off that level ourselves."

The draw, while spelling the end of the Dragons' 100 per cent on its head after Dean Rance's minute, we didn't quite deal so home record in the Skrill South

Bristow said a draw was a fair

you concede a late goal, and the make up for it." 94th minute is obviously an espe-

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"They had a lot of spells where he said. they put a lot of balls in the box

long-range strike. well with one ball, and up drawing the game.

Bristow said a draw was a fair "Credit to them – that's football, points from seven games.
esult. and hopefully we'll steal a win or "Meanwhile, 'Stoke have been something in the last minute to drawn against fellow Skrill South"

cially late time to concede," said positives in a game against a FA Cup. Bristow. Westor

ing with dead balls, were outstanding.

"We scored another two good goals against what I consider to be a very good side, and one of looked at the game again on the sides who I think will be up there at the end of the season,

"So it showed that we're not far

well with one ball, and we ended this year, means Bristow's men are fifth in the table with 13

side Weston-super-Mare in the Bristow also found plenty of second qualifying round of the

Bristow. much-fancied Ebbsfleet outfit. Weston have already got the "Once again, both our centre better of the Dragons this sea- a draw was a fair result. We've halves in open play and in deal- son, winning 1-0 in Somerset in

Brostow's side have no new injury worries ahead of Saturday's clash with Bromley, but midfielder Simon Dunn is a major doubt after picking up a knee problem in training last



Manny Williams celebrates his goal (Picture by Les Chase)

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